of Gorkhali language in lieu of Nepal in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Criteria for inclusion of roads into National Highways

1387. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1522 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd May, 1990 and state the criteria adopted for making the provisions for the constructions and up-keeps of National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The improvement/development of the National Highways is a continuous process and is dependent upon a number of factors such as existing condition of the National Highways, inter-se priority of the work, intensity of traffic and availability of funds for the purpose, etc.

As regards norms fixed for the maintenance/upkeep of the National Highways, these are *inter-alia* based on the requirements of material and labour, width and type of road surface, traffic intensity, physical and climatic conditions, besides tde funds availability, etc.

Criterion for citizenship

1388 SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the language spoken by a person is related with the criterion of right of citizenship of India; and

(b) if not, what is the criteria for a person to be qualified for citizenship of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir, except in case of grant of citizenship by nationalisation under Section 6 of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

(b) A person can be Indian national by birth, by descent by registration or by naturalisation under the provisions of the Citizenship Act. 1955 and the rules framed thereunder.

Applications pending for freedom fighters pension in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

1389. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for freedom fighter's pension pending in respect of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, district-wise:

(b) the names of freedom fighters of the above two States whose applications are pending;

(c) by when those cases are likely to be cleared: and

(d) the number of applications for freedom fighters pension from the above two States decided favourably/rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) No application for Freedom Fighters' pension from Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu which was received before the prescribed last date i.e. 31.3.1982 is pending. No separate record of receipt and disposal of applications, person-wise and District-wise, received after 31.3.1982 is being maintained. In respect of delayed applications (i.e.